ESTIMATE FOR INCREASED APPROPRIATION FOR SAN FRANCISCO MINT.

LETTER

FROM

THE SECRETARY OF THE TREASURY,

TRANSMITTING

Letter from the Director of the Mint, recommending an increase in the estimate of an appropriation for workmen from \$150,000 to \$170,000 for the next fiscal year.

FEBRUARY 26, 1886.—Referred to the Committee on Appropriations and ordered to be printed.

TREASURY DEPARTMENT, February 25, 1886.

SIR: I have the honor to transmit herewith, for the consideration of Congress, copy of letter of the Director of the Mint, of the 24th instant, in which he requests, for reasons therein stated, that the estimate of appropriation for "Wages of workmen, mint at San Francisco," for the fiscal year 1887, to be found on page 34 of the Book of Estimates, be increased from \$150,000 to \$170,000.

Respectfully yours,

D. MANNING, Secretary.

The Hon. Speaker of the House of Representatives.

* TREASURY DEPARTMENT, BUREAU OF THE MINT, Washington, D. C., February 24, 1886.

SIR: Referring to the estimates of appropriations for the support of the mint service for the fiscal year 1887, which I had the honor to forward to you November 5, 1885, I have the honor to state that the estimate for wages of workmen at the San Francisco mint was placed at \$150,000. The appropriation for the current fiscal year for that purpose is \$235,000. It will be seen that the estimate for the fiscal year 1887 is \$85,000 less than the present appropriation.

The superintendent of the mint at San Francisco informs me that it will not be possible to properly execute the business of the mint with

the amount for which appropriation has been asked.

As the coinage of small gold is by your direction executed at the San Francisco mint, the force of adjusters has been necessarily increased, and if the same character of coinage is continued during the next fiscal year I am satisfied that the sum named in my estimate will not be sufficient.

I have, therefore, the honor to request that you will increase the estimate for wages of workmen at the San Francisco mint to \$170,000.

Very respectfully,

JAMES P. KIMBALL, Director of the Mint.

Hon. Daniel Manning, Secretary of the Treasury.